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NOTIFICATION

Whereas, in order to grant one time financial assistance to the general public of Sikkim who are undergoing medical treatment at Empanelled Hospitals outside the State for Critical illnesses and also to grant one time financial assistance to those who are being treated as in-patients at STNM Hospital and Central Referral Hospital, Tadong, and are not covered under the Mukhya Mantri Swasthya Suvidha Yojana, the State Government has deemed it expedient and necessary to introduce the "Chief Minister's Medical Assistance Scheme" in the State.

Now therefore, the State Government is hereby pleased to make the following rules for regulating the grant of financial assistance to such patients, namely:-

Short title, extent and commencement 1. (1) These rules may be called the **Chief Minister's Medical Assistance Scheme Rules, 2022**.
(2) They shall extend to the whole of Sikkim.
(3) They shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from the date of publication in the Official Gazette

Definitions 2. In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-
(a) "Cell" means the "Chief Minister's Medical Assistance Cell" formed under Rule 6
(b) "Critical illness" means Newly diagnosed Cancer, Kidney Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Bone Marrow Transplantation, Lung Transplantation, Open Heart Surgery, complicated Spine/ Neuro Surgery, Major Surgeries due to Road Traffic Accidents, infertility requiring IVF treatment and any other illness as notified by the State Government.
(c) "Department" means the Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim;

(d) "Government" means the Government of Sikkim;

(e) "Scheme" means the Chief Minister's Medical Assistance Scheme;

Eligibility

3. The following category of persons shall be eligible for the financial assistance under the Scheme, namely:

- (a) Category 1: All general public of Sikkim holding valid Sikkim Subject Certificate (SSC) or Certificate of Identification (COI) including temporary Government employees (MR/Adhoc/ Contractual/Probationary) other than Regular Government servants and their dependents and have been referred by the State Medical Board to Empanelled Hospitals outside the State of Sikkim for treatment of Critical illness;
- (b) Category 2: The residents of Sikkim holding valid Residential Certificate or Voter Card other than those who are falling under Category 1 and are being treated as in-patients at STNM Hospital on payment basis or at Central Referral Hospital (CRH), Tadong based on the referral by the State Medical Board.

Limit of Financial Assistance

4. (1) The financial assistance under this Scheme for those falling under Category 1 as specified under Rule 3 (a) shall be the actual cost of treatment or the maximum limits fixed as follows, whichever is less:

- (a) Newly diagnosed Cancer Patients requiring surgery: Rs 5 Lakh;
- (b) Patients requiring Kidney Transplantation: Rs 7 Lakh;
- (c) Patients requiring Liver Transplantation: Rs 12 Lakh;
- (d) Patients requiring Bone Marrow Transplantation: Rs 12 Lakh;
- (e) Patients requiring Lung Transplantation: Rs 17 Lakh;
- (f) Patients requiring Open Heart Surgery: Rs 5 Lakh;
- (g) Patients requiring complicated Spine/Neuro Surgery: Rs 5 Lakh;
- (h) Victims of Road Traffic Accidents requiring major surgery: Rs 5 Lakh;
- (i) Patients requiring IVF Treatment: As per the guidelines of Chief Minister's Vatsalya Scheme notified vide Notification No. 14/H&FW dated 6.8.2022, the maximum financial assistance under this Scheme shall be limited to Rs.3,00,000 (Rupees Three Lakhs only) per couple at the rate of Rs.1,50,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Thousand only) for the first attempt of IVF treatment and Rs.1,50,000 (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Thousand only) for the second attempt of IVF treatment;

Provided that the State Government may, by Notification, amend, add or remove any Critical illness/ Disease and the amount specified above, as recommended by the Cell formed under Rule 6.

- (2) The financial assistance under this Scheme for those falling under Category 2 as specified under Rule 3 (b) shall be the actual cost of treatment or Rs 1 Lakh whichever is less.
- (3) The financial assistance is restricted to the Cost of treatment only and no other expenditure shall be entertained. Any cost incurred over and above the maximum financial assistance shall be borne by the beneficiaries from their own sources.
- (4) The financial assistance under this Scheme shall be a one-time grant. Once a beneficiary avails the assistance under this Scheme, he/she shall not be eligible again for any assistance under this Scheme.
- (5) Those who have availed benefit under the Mukhya Mantri Swasthya Suvidha Yojana shall not be eligible under this Scheme and vice versa.

Referral Process

- 5. (1) The State Medical Board before referring the patients to empanelled hospitals shall
 - (a) examine each and every case in detail to confirm whether it's a fit case for referral outside the State;
 - (b) get itself satisfied that the applicant under this Scheme has undergone all relevant diagnostics for identifying the cause of illness;
- (2) While referring patients to empanelled hospitals, the State Medical Board should refer the patients to such empanelled hospitals befitting the financial status of the patients in order to ensure that the patients are not put to undue financial burden due to high cost of treatment

Implementation Mechanism

- 6. (1) The Scheme shall be implemented, managed and monitored by the Chief Minister's Medical Assistance Cell consisting of the following members:
 - (a) Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Chief Minister's Office – Head of the Cell
 - (b) Director (Treatment Outside Sikkim), Health & Family Welfare Department – Member
 - (c) Additional Director, (Treatment Outside Sikkim), Health & Family Welfare Department – Member
 - (d) Medical Consultant to Hon'ble Chief Minister - Member
 - (e) Additional Secretary, Chief Minister's Office – Member Secretary

Mode of disbursement of assistance

7. (1) Applications for assistance under this Scheme for Critical illness, from those patients falling under Category 1 as specified under Rule 3(a), read with Rule 4(1), shall be made to the Chief Minister's Medical Assistance Cell supported by the Referral Certificate issued by the State Medical Board and the Cost Estimate for Treatment given by the Empanelled Hospital

(2) Applications for assistance under this Scheme from those patients falling under Category 2 as specified under Rule 3(b), read with Rule 4(2), shall be made to the Chief Minister's Medical Assistance Cell supported by the report given by the Treating Medical Officer along with Cost Estimate for treatment given by STNM Hospital/CRH, Tadong. If the treatment is at CRH, Tadong, Referral Certificate from State Medical Board is also mandatory.

(3) All such applications received shall be examined thoroughly by the Chief Minister's Medical Assistance Cell. Before approving any case for assistance, the Cell should be fully satisfied that the case is a genuine and fit case for financial assistance under the Scheme. Further the Cell should ensure that the applicant has not already availed similar financial assistance under this Scheme before or any financial assistance under Mukhya Mantri Swasthya Suvidha Yojana

(4) Upon approving the financial assistance to the applicants under the Scheme subject to the maximum limits fixed under Rule 4, the Cell shall issue an Account Payee Cheque for the approved amount in favour of the Empanelled Hospital in case of assistance under Rule 4(1). In the case of assistance under Rule 4(2), the Cell shall issue an Account Payee Cheque in favour of CRH, Tadong if the treatment is at CRH/Tadong and in favour of the eligible applicant if the treatment is at STNM Hospital.

Notwithstanding the amount of financial assistance approved and released for patients under Rule 4(1) of Rule 4(2), wherever the actual cost of treatment is lesser than the amount of assistance released to the Empanelled Hospitals, such Empanelled Hospitals shall refund the excess amount to the Chief Minister's Medical Assistance Cell.

Further, the Empanelled Hospitals are required to send one copy of the Bills, compiled on a monthly basis, directly to the Cell for reconciliation.

Budget for implementation of the scheme

8. The State Government shall make necessary Budgetary allocation for implementation of the Scheme. With the due approval of the Cabinet, the required amount of funds shall be drawn from the budget and kept in a separate Savings Bank Account opened specifically for this purpose. The Bank Account shall be jointly operated by the Head of the Chief Minister's Medical Assistance Cell and the Accounts Officer of the Cell. Interest accrued in the Savings Bank Account shall be used only for grant of assistance under this Scheme and not for any other purpose whatsoever.

Empanelment of Hospitals

9. Financial Assistance under the Scheme shall be approved only for treatment at Empanelled Hospitals as referred by the State Medical Board. Chief Minister's Medical Assistance Cell shall notify the list of Hospitals empanelled for treatment exclusively for this Scheme. The parameters for the empanelment of the hospitals shall be the availability of infrastructure, availability of qualified medical professionals, cost of treatment, expertise, success rate, special facilities and any other parameters which the Cell deems necessary for empanelment.

Power to amend

10. The State Government may review and amend the rules as and when deemed necessary.

By order and in the name of the Governor.

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